

# **One Year Post Exclusivity Adverse Event Review: Glyburide-Metformin**

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# Background Drug Information

- **Drug:** Glucovance<sup>®</sup> (glyburide-metformin)
- **Therapeutic Category:** antihyperglycemic
- **Sponsor:** Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
- **Indications:**
  - Adjunct treatment for Type II Diabetes Mellitus (DM) with diet and exercise
  - Second line for Type II DM if metformin or sulfonylurea fail
- **Original Market Approval:** July 31, 2000
- **Pediatric Exclusivity Granted:** October 8, 2003

# Background Drug Information

- **Adult and Adolescent Dosage:**
  - Initial: 1.25/250 mg titrated to control glucose levels
  - Second line: 2.5/500 mg or 5.0/500 mg BID
- **Mechanism of action:**
  - Glyburide: stimulates release of insulin
  - Metformin: improves glucose tolerance

# Drug Use Trends in Outpatient Settings: Glyburide-Metformin

- Total prescriptions for oral antihyperglycemic products have increased from 97 million (Nov 2001- Oct 2002) to 107 million (Nov 2003- October 2004).<sup>1</sup>
- Glucovance and its generic combination product accounted for 6.8 million prescriptions, almost 70% of the combination product market share (Nov 2003-Oct 2004).<sup>1</sup>
- Pediatric participants accounted for .06% of the claims for oral antihyperglycemic products. The number of claims was too small to estimate the number of prescriptions dispensed for pediatrics (Nov 2001- Oct 2004).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>IMS Health, National Prescription Audit *Plus*<sup>TM</sup>, Nov 2001 – Oct 2004, Data Extracted Nov 2004

<sup>2</sup>Caremark Dimension Rx<sup>TM</sup>, Inc, Nov 2001 – Oct 2004, Data extracted Nov 2004

# Drug Use Trends in Outpatient Settings: Glyburide-Metformin

- Prescribers (Nov 2003 to Oct 2004)<sup>1</sup>
  - Internists and family practitioners accounted for 66% of the prescriptions written.
  - Pediatricians wrote <1%.
- Diagnosis<sup>2</sup>
  - Adults: diabetes without complications
  - Pediatric indications could not be analyzed during sampling period due to sparse data.

<sup>1</sup>IMS Health, National Prescription Audit *Plus*<sup>TM</sup>, Nov 2001 – Oct 2004, Data Extracted Nov 2004

<sup>2</sup>IMS Health, National Disease and Therapeutic Index<sup>TM</sup>, Nov 2001 – Oct 2004, Data Extracted Nov 2004

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### Summaries of Medical and Clinical Pharmacology Reviews of Pediatric Studies as of December 28, 2004

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Summaries of Medical and Clinical Pharmacology Reviews

Drug	Sponsor	Review Summary	
Fosinopril - Monopril	Beistol-Myers Squibb	<a href="#">Medical</a>	<a href="#">Clinical Pharmacology</a>
Glyburide and Metformin - Glucovance	Beistol-Myers Squibb	<a href="#">Medical</a>	<a href="#">Clinical Pharmacology</a>
Irinotecan - CAMPTOSAR	Pfizer	<a href="#">Medical</a>	<a href="#">Clinical Pharmacology</a>
Lansoprazole - Prevacid	TAP	<a href="#">Medical</a>	<a href="#">Clinical Pharmacology</a>
Leflunomide - Arava	Aventis	<a href="#">Medical</a>	<a href="#">Clinical Pharmacology</a>

# **Pediatric Exclusivity Studies: Glyburide-Metformin**

- Indication: Type II Diabetes Mellitus
- Studies performed:
  - PK and safety study
  - 26 week efficacy and safety study

# Pediatric Exclusivity Studies: PK

- Single dose PK study in Type II DM (age 11-16 years, n=28)
- PK not significantly different from adults
- Glyburide and metformin pharmacokinetics comparable between children and adolescent patients
- No apparent relationship of age or BSA on dose (limited data)



# **Pediatric Exclusivity Studies: Safety and Efficacy**

- Active, double-blind controlled 26 week trial of adolescent patients with type II DM (age 9-16, n=167)
- 3 arms: glyburide/metformin (1.25/250 mg), glyburide (2.5 mg), and metformin (500 mg) titrated for glucose control
- Primary efficacy: change in HgbA1c
- Glucovance not statistically superior to either metformin or glyburide alone

# **Pediatric Exclusivity Studies: Safety Findings**

- Drug specific safety concerns: diarrhea, GI discomfort, hypoglycemia
- No patient experienced serious adverse event, marked laboratory abnormality or discontinued prematurely due to an adverse event.
- No unexpected safety findings
- Due to dose sparing of metformin, patients on Glucovance appeared to have fewer GI complaints than metformin.
- Hypoglycemia appeared related to glyburide dose

# Labeling Changes Resulting from Exclusivity Studies

- Clinical trial data included in Pediatric Use section  
“the safety and efficacy of Glucovance were evaluated in an active controlled, double blind, 26 week trial involving a total of 167 pediatric patients with type 2 diabetes.....  
“Glucovance was not shown statistically to be superior to either metformin or glyburide with respect to reducing HgbA1c.”
- The statement “Glucovance is not recommended for pediatric patients” removed from label

# Relevant Safety Labeling

- Pregnancy Category B
- Contraindications: renal dysfunction, congestive heart failure, acute metabolic acidosis
- Boxed warning: lactic acidosis
- Special warning: increased cardiovascular mortality compared with diet +/- insulin

# Adverse Event Reports since Market Approval: Glyburide-Metformin 07/31/00 - 11/08/04

- Total number of reports, all ages<sup>†\*</sup>:
  - 480 reports (476 US)
    - 35 serious (31 US)
      - 4 deaths (4 US)
- Pediatric reports: 0

<sup>†</sup>Includes reports with unknown age

<sup>\*</sup>Counts may include duplicate reports

# **Adverse Event Reports during the One-Year Post-Exclusivity Period: Glyburide-Metformin 10/08/03 - 11/08/04**

- Total number of reports, all ages<sup>†\*</sup>:
  - 171 reports (168 US)
    - 13 serious (10 US)
  - 0 deaths
- Pediatric reports: 0

<sup>†</sup>Includes reports with unknown age

<sup>\*</sup>Counts may include duplicate reports

# Top 20 Adverse Events during the One-Year Post-Exclusivity Period: (Adults: n=161)

## Labeled

Diarrhea

Hypoglycemia

Nausea

Dizziness

Stomach discomfort

## Unlabeled

Blood glucose increased

Blood glucose decreased

Constipation

Asthenia

Tremor

Weight increased

Fatigue

Hyperhidrosis

Blood glucose fluctuation

Dyspepsia

Abdominal pain upper

Flatulence

Weight decreased

Feeling abnormal

Feeling hot

# Summary: Glyburide-Metformin

- Minimal use in pediatric patients
- No pediatric adverse events
- This completes the one-year post-exclusivity AE monitoring as mandated by BPCA.
- FDA recommends routine monitoring of AEs for this drug in all populations.
- Does the Advisory Committee concur?



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